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Re application of: Norman C. Brackett
Application No.: 09/706,060 Group No.: 3682
Filed: 11/03/2000 Examiner: Stefanon, J.
For: STIFF METAL HUB FOR AN ENERGY STORAGE ROTOR

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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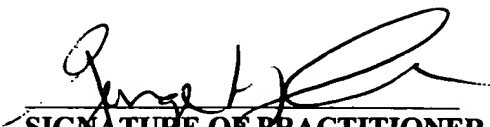
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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the final office action mailed February 27, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicant believes that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility